

In the Specification

Delete the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 1, and replace it with the following paragraph:

In another aspect of the present invention, the method for managing e-mail attachment files received via a network e-mail system by a user includes selecting an option from an option menu at the client computer. Then receiving at a client computer, a first e-mail including a first attachment file from the network e-mail system. The first e-mail is opened from the client computer, and in a preferred embodiment the user selects to proceed with the remainder of the steps of the method for managing e-mail attachment files. The method searches for a second attachment file included with a second e-mail file automatically after the opening the first e-mail. The first attachment file is compared with the second attachment file. The method determines whether the first attachment file is another incidence of the second attachment file. In a preferred embodiment, the user may authorize at the client computer saving and deleting first and second attachment files and replacing the first and second attachment files with the identification. The first attachment file is replaced with an identification which points to the second attachment file when the first attachment file is another incidence of the second attachment file. A reference tag is attached to the second attachment file indicating a file system location of the second attachment file. A third e-mail file is searched for being a next earliest dated incidence of the second e-mail when deleting the second e-mail file. The user may select at the client computer the option of proceeding to the next step of, moving and attaching, when the third e-mail is found. When the third e-mail file is found and the third e-mail file is the

next earliest dated incidence of the second e-mail file and after the second e-mail file is deleted, the second attachment file is moved and attached to the third attachment file. The second attachment file may be deleted after not finding the third e-mail file being a next earliest dated incidence of the second e-mail file. The first attachment file included with the first e-mail file may be saved when the first attachment file is not another incidence of the second attachment file.